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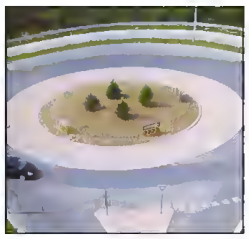

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Outrunning cancer for Terry Fox

Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Joe Pillitteri (centre) is off to a fast start at the 33rd annual Terry Fox Run Sunday. The event attracted 250 participants and raised more than $30,000. Pillitteri raised $11,600 of that and pledged to complete the run in 22 minutes. He made it in 21:55. Parliament Oak School cheerleaders were on hand to help start the run.

Event total tops last year's run

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A few short months ago, Hilda McCann wasn't sure she'd be ready to take part in the Terry Fox Run or play a public role in the annual event.

But she's finding it a little easier to talk about her daughter Bridie, who died of cancer in January at the age of 36.

What McCann means is she is allowing herself to cry.

As a retired nurse and hospital administrator, she says she is reminding herself of what she learned as a professional, that it is helpful to talk about loved ones lost, and that it is okay to show grief.

So by Sunday, not only had she agreed to have this year's run in Bridie's memory, but to also speak to participants in the run that began in Simcoe Park.

"I'm learning not to block the pain, not to delay the grief, otherwise it will take longer to heal. It has to come out somehow."

She has also learned it helps to talk to others who share their experiences, "although it's a sorority no mother wants to join," she says.

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NOTL run raises more than $30,000

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At the run Sunday, McCann shared a story of Bridie that, to those who know her, symbolized the strength and determination of a young woman who seemed indomitable.

In 1980, when Terry Fox was running through Toronto, Hilda and Pat took Bridie, who was then just five, to watch, and gave her $5 to donate to the Marathon of Hope. Bridie ran to catch up with Terry to give him her donation, and was angry that someone else took it from her—she wanted to hand it to Terry himself.

She was angry for a good two years after that, remembers her mother, who was taking part in her first Terry Fox run Sunday.

"We are a generous society, but we must remember that cancer is a generous disease. It will visit the strong, the talented, the young, the unsuspecting. Perhaps our generosity will one day surpass its generosity with events such as this," said McCann.

"I don't know why it's taken me so long to do this, but I'll be doing it again next year."

She hopes, now that she has been part of the event and witnessed the outpouring of support for others, to gather a team next year to run in memory of Bridie.

"It is such a great community event," said McCann, who walked with her daughter Brianne and grandson Kellen.

She met people she knew, others for the first time, and heard many touching stories about loss.

Yet it's a celebration of life, of people coming together with one goal, many of them obviously having run in past years, proudly wearing their Terry Fox Run T-shirts, she says.

"And the volunteers were great. Joan (King) does an amazing job. It wouldn't happen without the volunteers."

Gloria Ghetti from Queenston was there, with photos of the day she spent with Terry Fox when he came to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Alana Somerville, a Queenston native now living and teaching in Fort Erie, shared her experience with breast cancer. Now 36, she told of fighting the disease with a toddler and a baby at home, advocating for herself as she worked her way through the health system, knowing she had to beat the disease. She brought tears to the eyes of those listening to her speak with humility and humour of a journey that to most would be unspeakable, but as she said, "I kicked cancer in the butt," and she tells her story in the hope that it will help others to be strong and know that cancer can be beaten.

She finished with the words of Terry Fox:

"'I don't feel that this is unfair. That's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time to people . . . dreams are made possible if you try.'"

Terry Fox dreamed of collecting $1 from each Canadian.

He'd be proud of what he accomplished, said MPP Kim Craitor, a cancer survivor who spoke at Sunday's NOTL run before heading to Niagara Falls to address the crowd there as well.

"I remember when he came to Niagara Falls, 10 people showed up. Nobody understood what he was trying to do. He wanted to raise $3 million. Instead he's raised more than $600 million."

The world is a different place, for cancer survivors such as Craitor, who says he feels fortunate to have learned, through his illness, that there are no problems, no issues, just gratitude for each and every day, knowing how fortunate he has been—but also for those who are battling the disease today, with much-improved treatments and outcomes, in part thanks to funds raised through the many annual Marathon of Hope events.

Joe Pillitteri, participating on the Balance Fitness Studio team, on his own raised $5,800, which he matched with a donation from his company, Lakeview Vineyard Equipment, bringing his total to $11,600.

He had committed to running the five-kilometre route in 22 minutes, and completed it in 21:55—to find the beer that he had requested waiting for him at the finish.

His son Johnny and his nephew Vinny Pillitteri-Smith raised another $1,200, which added to the total meant their Balance Fitness Studio Team raised $13,600.

The NOTL run attracted about 250 participants and raised more than $30,000.

NOTL's 33rd annual Terry Fox Run was held in memory of Hilda and Pat McCann's daughter Bridie, who died of cancer in January at the age of 36. Hilda addressed participants before the start of the Terry Fox Run Sunday at Simcoe Park, with Joan King, organizer of the annual event.

Cancer survivors MPP Kim Craitor and Alana Somerville chat in Simcoe Park before the Terry Fox run Sunday. Somerville has written a book, Chemosabe Cancer Warrior, about her experience with breast cancer.

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Sharron Lippelt (clockwise, top left) from Niagara Falls and Margaret Sanderson from NOTL take part in Sunday's Terry Fox Run, both of them with artificial limbs, although due to congenital defects, not from cancer. They said they understand the difficulty that Terry must have faced walking 26 miles a day—five kilometres was a challenge for them, although they finished. They walked, they said, to support people around the world with artificial limbs, and Sharron was walking for her mother, a breast cancer survivor. Joe Pillitteri (celebrates raising more than $11,000 and finishing his five-kilometre run in 22:55, while Parliament Oak cheerleaders cheer on walkers in the 33rd annual Terry Fox Run. Gloria Ghetti of Queenston was on hand in Simcoe Park to remember the day she spent with Terry Fox when he visited NOTL in 1980.

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Roundabout to be finished by spring

First in town will handle traffic flow at Niagara Stone Rd. and Concession 6

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The traffic roundabout at Concession 6 and Niagara Stone Rd. will be similar in size to the roundabout at Mountain Rd. and Mewburn Rd. in Niagara Falls, but with upgraded plantings.

The town will have its first traffic roundabout before the tourist season gets underway next spring.

The Region will begin work on the traffic-calming measure on Niagara Stone Rd. at Concession 6 this winter, with a completion date of the May 24 long weekend, before traffic ramps up with the annual influx of tourists.

While residents spoke out against roundabouts when the Region first discussed the possibility of replacing the four-way stop in St. Davids with a traffic circle several years ago, they have become more widely accepted in the intervening years, with drivers becoming accustomed to the roundabout at Queenston Hts., and more recently at Mountain Rd. and Mewburn Rd. in Niagara Falls, council heard Monday.

Frank Tassone, traffic engineering manager at the Region, updated council on plans for Niagara Stone Rd. and presented the first view of what the roundabout will look like.

Councillors were clear they weren't impressed by the landscaping plan offered by the Region, and asked that Town parks and recreation staff be put to work to come up with a more appropriate design.

"This is one of the main entryways to town. This is a special roundabout. NOTL is one of the most well-thought-out communities for visitors," Coun. Jim Collard said, asking for time to allow Town staff to work with the Region on landscaping.

Tassone assured council there would be an opportunity for Town staff to have input, and agreed that an irrigation system could also be included to ensure plantings are well-maintained.

The roundabout will ease problems caused by the irregular alignment of the Concession 6 intersection, and will contribute to a better traffic flow on Niagara Stone Rd., reducing traffic backups at busy times as vehicles head into NOTL, Tassone said.

Studies have proven that traffic roundabouts allow vehicles to flow through significantly faster than traffic lights at a traditional intersection, he said.

Although they are expensive to construct, with the Region budgeting $2.5 million as opposed to about $200,000 for traffic lights, there would be other costs associated with lights, he said, such as road-widening for left-turn lanes.

The speed will drop to 50km/h on Niagara Stone Rd. at Concession 6 from 80 km/h, unchanged from the current limits, he said, and although the roundabout effectively slows traffic to 40 km/h, it isn't necessary to post that limit, he added.

Sidewalks and crossings will be incorporated in the design for pedestrians, and cyclists will have the option of moving with traffic or dismounting and using the pedestrian crossings, Tassone said.

The roundabout will handle traffic on Concession 6 on the south side but the north side, because of the alignment of the road and the location of a residence at one corner, will remain a separate intersection at Niagara Stone Rd., northeast of the roundabout.

Before the Regional work begins this winter on the roundabout, the Town will install new watermains on Niagara Stone Rd. from Concession 6 to Line 3, at a cost of about $150,000.

The region also has future plans for traffic lights at Airport Rd. at Niagara Stone Rd. and at Line 4, and will complete the road-widening to three lanes through Virgil from Penner St. to East and West Line by 2015.

Coun. Martin Mazza suggested the roundabout design be superimposed over a Google Earth satellite image of the current intersection and added to the Town's Hot Topics section so residents can see what the Region is planning.

Coun. Terry Flynn asked Tassone when the town could expect to see a new bridge at Concession 6 and Mewburn Rd., one that has been closed for safety reasons for years.

Tassone said Niagara Falls continues to negotiate with CP Rail, over who is responsible for the project. He agreed the bridge is the missing piece of the puzzle to complete a thoroughfare from NOTL to Niagara Falls.

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2013 Grape King

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Wes Wiens, left, of Wiens Family Farms in Niagara-on-the-Lake has been named the new Grape King, along with his wife Briar and four children. With him is outgoing 2012 Grape King is Curtis Fielding.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society Meeting

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Things we take for granted.

• By Joanne Young

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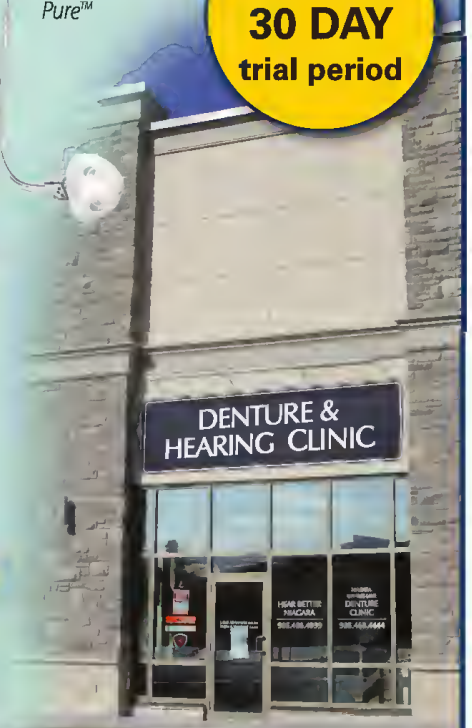

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our editorial

Time for school board to reconsider

With support from Kim Craitor, our MPP, town councillors are considering asking the District School Board of Niagara to look at the how trustees are allocated across the region.

Since the Lincoln County and Lincoln South boards were amalgamated in 1998, Niagara-on-the-Lake has not had a trustee solely responsible for this community.

NOTL voters have had to vote for four trustees shared with St. Catharines, and we all know how difficult it would be to outnumber St. Catharines voters.

Yet the needs of the two very different municipalities are often competing, especially when jockeying for funds for capital expenditures.

There were years when Niagara District Secondary School received little or no money for updates or repairs, when St. Catharines high schools were given major overhauls. Although this was only a part of the problem, the lack of funding for NDSS was seen as one of the factors that led to its declining enrolment and its eventual closure.

As has been pointed out, electing one trustee would still only give NOTL one vote around the table at school board meetings.

However at least there would be one person elected from NOTL, who would understand the community and care about its issues, and who would be accountable to NOTL voters every four years.

As it stands, there is no single trustee on the board who is accountable in any way to NOTL.

We congratulate citizens such as Paolo Miele and Don MacDougall for bringing this issue to council, and we applaud councilllors who are in support of working toward a solution.

It's ultimately up to the school board to decide, and that doesn't bode well for change, but maybe some of the trustees, after the indifference with which this community has been treated, will decide it's time to throw us a bone.

Community partners working together

The Lewiston NOTL Rotary Club serves a barbecued lunch for participants in the Terry Fox Run Sunday, helping to add to the total of the donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. There were many partners in the run, including Stone Road Grill, which donated pizza, and Tim Hortons which contributed coffee, muffins and doughnuts in Simcoe Park before the event.

Newark continues to deal with 'dumpers'

Sometimes I think some people cannot read, or assume that notices are not for them.

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Last week it was a chesterfield and this week it is a mattress dumped on our property. Here are two numbers if you call at least two days prior to your regular pickup day, and have the articles at curb-side the day of your regular pickup, the articles will magically disappear.

Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

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We are constantly impressed by the people of our community, and we send our thanks to the Sayers, to Christ Church McNab, and St. Saviour's, Queenston, for their donations of groceries.

Monty Slingerland and Bert Ward and the NOTL Kinsmen organized a Wine and Cycle Tour Sept. 7 and despite the rain all went well. Newark Neighbours was the charity chosen to be the beneficiary of this event this year. Thank you for thinking of us.

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letters to the editor

Thanks, NOTL for caring

Twenty years ago, we were looking for a place to raise a family. My wife is a proud Canadian and I, a loyal American. What we found was a strong community, with great values. Diverse, yet strong, a place to teach right from wrong. A place to protect good from evil. A place with good morals and a strong family values. A place that embraced its past, and still looked to the future. A place to be safe. We settled here, became part of the community raising our sons, working here, coaching here, volunteering here and living life here.

When 9/11 happened, as an American I was devastated, away from my country, feeling violated and alone. But the community rallied, not only for me, but the hundreds of Americans stranded here due to the horrific actions of terrorists.

They opened their houses, they hugged, they cried and they supported. They made us feel safe.

Time heals and we have all become stronger, but the world changed. The innocence is gone, loyalty is questioned, rights, and privacy are more scrutinized.

Last Wednesday, I again found myself in Old Town, at the 12th annual commemorative ceremony - the only one in Canada and possibly in the world, outside of the U.S., to still remember the tragedy and honour the many who lost their lives.

As I shed some tears, what I saw was the same community i had looked for so many years before. Honorable people, still strong, still teaching the values of right over wrong, and the virtues of good versus evil. The same place that rallies around its own and protects all in the fold. A place where loyalty, honesty and values are still important. That safe haven to raise a family and live life freely.

I realize why my wife, sons, family, friends, and associates here are so fiercely proud Canadians.

Thank you for allowing this humble American to call this his home.

Alan 'Tex' Montgomery

Joan King 'a star'

To Joan King, organizer of the Terry Fox Run:

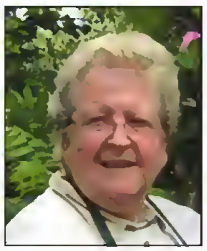
There was lots of attention thrown my way for fundraising for the Terry Fox Run but I want it to be known that I know how much work you put into the organization of that run.

You've taken it from a poorly attended event on the brink of extinction to a vibrant, bustling family event. I end up very emotional on this day because it means a lot to me - Terry and his run.

I'm so glad you had the vision and perseverance to make it what it is in our town. You're a star.

Joe Pillitteri

'Bulbs go wild' at hort society meeting



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Well, it does not take much to get me wanting to find out about things that grow—this week it was peaches.

I received a little leaflet with my peaches that mentioned how much Lady Simcoe enjoyed the fruits in her garden here in Niagara back in 1792, and she obviously knew how to preserve them properly as she recalled having them as a treat over the winter. So how long ago were peaches part of our landscape?

According to The History of Peach Production in Ontario, the first mention of this fruit was by a traveler named Kahn in 1748.

We know of course it took many steps before it developed into the industry it has become, but their history regarding marketing seemed to begin in Grimsby.

So the industry grew and in 1910 a tree census shows more than 247,000 fruit-bearing trees.

Then of course there were the usual problems faced by all gardeners, bad weather, infections, etc. I know I have often over the last 30 years or so seen an orchard pulled out and grapes planted. But this is not a case of the 'fun of gardening', these people have to make a living and it is all hard work.

So my own efforts this week? The Rose of Sharon in everyone's garden is doing well, and I am trying to guide the wisteria where I want it to go (it has other ideas).

I will have to do another treatment of my vinegar and salt weed-killer (one gallon white vinegar, one cup of table salt mix to dissolve, and one tablespoon dish detergent) so the paths and dry river bed get off to a good start next year. We have really had a great summer for gardening, just look – the grass is still green.

Now a sure signal of fall – our hort society begins Sept. 24, and take note it is taking place at Mori Gardens on Niagara Stone Rd. and we start off with a Chili Supper at 6 p.m.

After that we can sit back and enjoy a talk by Joanne Young about bulbs going wild in your garden.

It is nice to look forward to seeing everyone again.

Happy gardening.

Jean Cochrane finds out the origin of NOTL and their connection with peaches.

Photo provided

Would you be examined by a medical student?

Randy Klaassen
Senior's View

Recently I was having a health issue for which I made an appointment with my Niagara-on-the-Lake family doctor.

After I was shown to the examination room the nurse asked if I would be willing to be seen by a medical student. The question seemed innocent enough, yet I had not thought of myself as a guinea pig. But the idea of a medical student using my body's health and well-being as a subject for rehearsing to be a doctor...? I replied, "Sure."

I don't have grandchildren ... yet. But if I did, the medical student appeared to be about that age. She was friendly and serious. She asked all kinds of questions about my condition, and experiences that might have contributed, and wrote down notes. She examined various aspects of my condition, having me do a variety of movements which seemed logical.

Then to my surprise she said she was unsure as to what was causing my pain. Before leaving the room she said my doctor would likely ask some of the same questions she had asked. Now I was puzzled.

At the most recent InfoHealth presentation Dr. Karl Stobbe talked about the effect of medical students in Niagara." Stobbe is regional assistant dean at the Niagara Campus, Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, McMaster University. He has practised family medicine in Beamsville for more than 20 years.

He began by noting the shortage of family doctors and the response of establishing the regional school of medicine in Niagara at Welland and St. Catharines clinics. The impact of the school in Niagara has been that there are doctors who have located here specifically because of the teaching opportunities, and also a significant increase in medical students, of whom many will likely stay in the region.

It was noted that even though the first class of Niagara students has yet to graduate the good news is there already are fewer people in the region without a family doctor.

What was of special interest to my ears was Dr. Stobbe's explanation of the impact medical students have on doctors who supervise. As when my family doctor came into the examining room with the student, it took only a few minutes for the doctor to diagnose what ailed me. During this time the doctor was explaining to me, and to the student, what she was examining and why.

A significant part of the examination was the doctor drawing upon her years of medical experience. I left the office feeling both the medical student and I learned more about my condition than if I had declined to be seen by the student.

It takes time for a supervising doctor to teach a medical student. Yet there was significant benefit to both the student and me as a patient in what we learned together. In the big picture, willingness to be seen by a student greatly increases quality of health care.

Dr. Karl Stobbe with students of Niagara Campus, Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, McMaster University
Photo by Mike Lalich, McMaster University

So if you are asked to be seen by a student, don't think of yourself as a guinea pig, but rather as making a contribution to health care. As a bonus you might just learn something you would not have heard otherwise.

The next InfoHealth session will be Oct. 9, featuring Dr. Edgardo Perez and Barb Pizzingrilli who will address the changing face of mental health care in Niagara.

This presentation will be held at the St. Catharines Hospital Community Leaders Auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m.

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NOTL needs better representation at school board, council told

Movement afoot to ask board to reconsider trustee allocation

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been more than a decade since Niagara-on-the-Lake elected its own school board trustee, but there is a movement afoot to see that changed.

Currently NOTL parents vote for four trustees on the District School Board of Niagara who are elected to represent St. Catharines and NOTL, and have little luck getting their choices elected.

And parents in St. Davids who send their high school-aged students to their home school, A.N. Myer in Niagara Falls, have no representation at all, education watchdog Paolo Miele told council Monday.

He was looking for support to open a dialogue to encourage the DSBN to have another look at the makeup of its board and consider a trustee elected by NOTL constituents.

The town had its own trustee under the Lincoln County board, which amalgamated in 1998 with the Lincoln South board to become the DSBN, he reminded council. Al Snider was not only elected from NOTL but served as chair in the years before the boards amalgamated, he said.

But in recent years, "our history with the school board has been stressful and the votes have been stacked," he said, adding that MPP Kim Craitor has offered his support as long as Miele has the town council behind him.

"You have identified this concern well," said Coun. Jamie King.

"I've heard about this issue from other residents in the community. I pledge my personal support."

Coun. Jim Collard said that although Lynn Campbell, elected trustee from NOTL in a previous term, worked hard for the community, she was elected by a stroke of luck—voters confused her with veteran St. Catharines trustee Lora Campbell when they marked their ballot. Lynn Campbell didn't get a second term.

"Our numbers aren't there. It makes it difficult for us to have representation," said Collard.

"We shouldn't have to rely on luck."

Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr. said the role of the trustee is "widely misunderstood. We share trustees elected by votes that come out of St. Catharines. We have a right to elected representation. This municipality gets zero representation."

He called the current situation "a failure in our democratic institutions."

When faced with making capital expenditure decisions, municipalities are pitted against each other, "and we get the sort end of the stick," said Zalepa. "This needs to be fixed."

"There is a bit of a wall here, and it's called the DSBN," said Lord Mayor Dave Eke.

"We need to put together a strong business case, and we need to ensure what we put forward is fair and equitable."

Coun. Jamie King offered to work with Miele and any interested councillors to put together a case to take to the DSBN.

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Paolo Miele asks councillors Monday to ask the DSBN to rethink how they allocate trustees across the region.

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Town's new flag and coat of arms to rise 'out of ashes'

NOTL only community in Canada to have blue ensign

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake has a new flag and coat of arms.

They will be officially unveiled Dec. 10, following the Niagara on Fire event which commemorates the burning of the town by retreating American soldiers.

"Out of the ashes will come new optimism," said Lord Mayor Dave Eke at Monday's council meeting, following the viewing of the new designs.

Bishop Ralph Spence, a retired Anglican bishop now given the Office of Chief Herald—he has designed flags and coats of arms for churches and communities across Ontario—was at council Monday to present the final designs to councillors.

It's too late for changes, he warned—Queen Elizabeth has already approved the updated designs.

The flag is on a blue background—NOTL will be the only community in Canada to have a blue ensign, Spence told council—and includes a simplified version of the new shield, with the mace representing NOTL as the first capital of Upper Canada.

That mace resides in the legislative buildings in Toronto, Coun. Jim Collard said, suggesting a request be sent for the mace to be part of the Dec. 10 ceremony in NOTL.

A new flag pole will be installed at the Court House to fly the Town's new flag.

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Bishop Ralph Spence, a retired Anglican bishop now given the Office of Chief Herald, was at council Monday to present the final designs for NOTL's flag and coat of arms. The flag will be officially unveiled Dec. 10.

The coat of arms reflects the past, Spence said, with the Brock Monument sitting on a wreath of red and white, the national colours.

There are two Canadian crowns, an honour bestowed on Canada by the Queen, and two lions, wearing colours that represent Butler's Rangers and the First Nations.

And of course there are references to the fruit and wine industry of NOTL, all resting on wavy blue lines to represent the lake, he said.

The motto from the Town's original coat of arms, Fruitful in Unity, remains.

"It's beautiful work," Coun. Jamie King commended Spence.

"The symbols are so important. I'm incredibly proud to see what good work has gone into this."

Spence will be reading the proclamation that accompanies the unveiling of the flag and coat of arms at the December event.

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Willowbank to get functioning blacksmith shop

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

On Saturday, visitors to the Stone Festival were able to see the construction of a traditional dry stone building - Willowbank's new Forge Studio.

Geordie Manchester, project manager and graduate from Willowbank, said their ultimate goal is to have a functioning blacksmith shop on the school's campus.

"This won't be done this weekend, or even this month - this will be an ongoing project that doesn't have a finish date. Students will be working on this for awhile," said Manchester.

"It's very exciting and a great learning experience for our students. It's also been a great opportunity for them to be able to work with master craftsmen from England who have come for the week to help with direction. The stone part is mostly done by the professionals, but the students are working on the doors and windows," he said.

Dry stoners came from Quebec, England and various places in Ontario.

The art of dry stone walling is something that has been pushed to the past, currently there are only three functioning structures in Canada, said Manchester.

"We're hoping that this project sets the tone and shows people that it can happen and it can be done. These buildings are good for the environment, they have very low maintenance and they're very durable," said Manchester.

Over the weekend The Willowbank Stone Festival commemorated stone and its influence on the culture of a community.

This included early generations of master builders to present day quarry workers, stonecutters, masons, sculptors and wallers.

"It was great for us to be able to do some construction on the blacksmith shop during the Stone Festival. It gives people a chance to see the skills and what it takes to build something like this," said Manchester.

The inaugural three-day event brought together carvers, masons and artisans. The festival also served as a unique educational experience, which included lectures, demonstrations, a lime burn, dry stone walling certification and stone carving.

"We've been lucky enough to have some of the best wallers and highly gifted sculptors from all over North America and the UK," said Manchester.

MELISSA MANGELSEN Niagara Advance
Students as well as professional dry stone carvers begin building a blacksmith shop for Willowbank during the Stone Festival held over the weekend.

Artists show off work at Willowbank

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

Students at Willowbank have a passion for connecting the present and future to the past.

Over the weekend Willowbank held its Stone Festival.

Part of the Stone Festival was the Willowbank Flea market, which began at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the village of Queenston and ran until after a street dance.

There was a mix of food creations, handmade items, crafts and artists who came to display, and sell their art.

McMaster students Robert Gale and Josh Leblanc had their unique form of spray paint art on display at Willowbank.

Leblanc said spray paint art is unique to the area and is a relatively new art form that origins come from Mexico City in the early 1980s.

"It's different from graffiti art because graffiti art is usually done on buildings, trains as opposed to more traditional art surfaces," said Leblanc.

Spray paint art can be done on poster board, wood, glass, etc.

Jonny McKinnon who is an artist and photographer from the Niagara Region also had his work on display, some photographs as well as paintings.

During the flea market he sat with his paintbrush in hand and did live painting.

The unique market also featured vintage antiques and collectibles, Native Canadian art, which was original Inuit and Iroquoian sculpture carved in stone, wood and bone.

Jane Koopman also brought her up-cycled one-of-a-kind works of art and jewelry.

The events at the market wouldn't have been complete without live music - and they delivered just that.

Aaron Berger, A Yellow Field, Julianna Riolino and Xprime took to the outdoor stage to provide the audience with live and unique music.

MELISSA MANGELSEN Niagara Advance
Josh Leblanc and Robert Gale, both of McMaster University, display their unique form of spray paint art on Saturday.

MELISSA MANGELSEN Niagara Advance
At the Stone Festival, held at Willowbank and in the village of Queenston, Daly Drevniok, a stone carver from Ottawa, chips away at his piece that was completed and auctioned off on Sunday evening.

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Arcadia most successful production in Studio Theatre history

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Additionally, at the conclusion of its 30-performance run Sept. 7, The Shaw's production of Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* became the most successful production yet in the 5-year history of the Studio Theatre.

Tickets to the 2013 season are still on sale for performances through September and October, with *Guys and Dolls* closing Nov. 3.

Tickets to all remaining performances can be purchased by calling the Shaw Festival Box Office at 905-468-2172 or online at shawfest.com .

The *Guys and Dolls* extension to Nov. 3 was financially assisted by the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through Celebrate Ontario and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund .

David Cooper Shaw Festival

Andrew Bunker and Gray Powell in Arcadia. The Shaw's production of Tom Stoppard's Arcadia has become the most successful production in the five-year history of the Studio Theatre.

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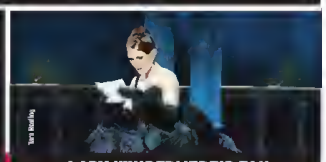

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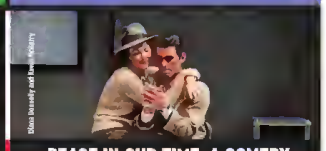

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Series of seven videos can help parents deal with adolescents

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There are parents in the community who are struggling with "kids in transition," says Pastor Dave Tunikaitis of GateWay Community Church in Virgil.

That means those difficult adolescent years as kids move from elementary school to high school.

"Some parents feel they've lost their connection with their kids, and they don't know how to get it back. It can lead to explosive situations they want to avoid," he said.

GateWay will be showing a seven-week video series, followed by a time of discussion, to help

Dr. Kevin Leman, who is an internationally known psychologist, an award winning author of 30 books and radio and television personality and speaker, puts tools into the hands of parents and grandparents, helping them to raise kids and teenagers.

He is also a regular contributor to CNN's American Morning and has served as a consulting family psychologist to Good Morning America.

He's recognized as an expert in Christian and non-Christian circles, says Tunikaitis.

"We decided we wanted to do something to help parents in the community."

There will be no charge to attend the series, he says, and all are welcome.

"We're not experts, but Leman is recognized for being good at putting tools in the hands of parents, for helping to open the lines of communication beteen parents and their kids. And he does it in a way that is humourous and relatable. He might not have all the solutions, but he may help give parents something to try in difficult situations."

Tunikaitis has two children, a 13-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son. He has watched the videos, he says, and he found them worthwhile.

"It's good to see something that suggests 'I can do this, I can try it tomorrow and see if it helps.'"

Leman offers different approaches that may work with kids, and help parents feel more empowered because they have some thing new to try, says Tunikaitis.

"Parents have told us they have problems because there is nothing for their kids to do in town. We hope this gives them some help. If nothing else it will show them they're not alone."

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The program will be held weekly beginning Sept. 27, at GateWay Community Church, 1665 Four Mile Creek Rd. (the former Virgil Public School).

Dr. Kevin Leman has advice that can make parenting easier, says Pastor Dave Tunikaitis of GateWay Community Church.

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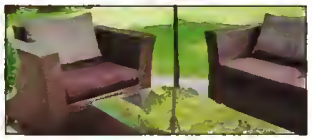

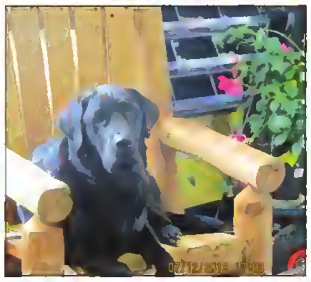

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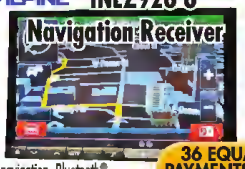

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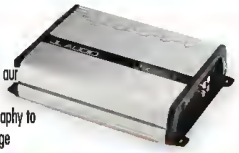

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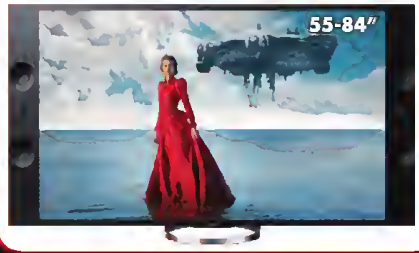

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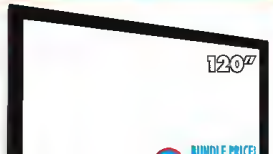

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Cemetery tours feature town characters

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Matilda Boulton was a feisty senior who liked to battle with the town, mostly over her waterfront property.

She lived around the turn of the last century, but she still pops up from time to time during the cemetery tours at St. Mark's Church, where she is buried.

She is just one of the colourful characters—all long dead and buried in the historic cemetery—brought to life in the scripts written by Barbara Worthy, acted out by costumed volunteers with the Niagara Historical Museum and featured in A Walk Through History.

This is the second year for the well-received cemetery tours, which were sold out last year.

The scripts are new, but Matilda, the most popular character from last year, was brought back because in addition to what she can tell us about the history of the town, people love her for the element of fun and humour she brings to the tours, says Amy Klassen, museum administrator.

The popularity of the tours, she says, has a lot to do with the "spooky" dimension of being in a cemetery after dark, but also with the opportunity to learn about the history of the town—most of it centred on people who lived during the War of 1812, and specifically the occupation and burning of Niagara—in a way that's fun, entertaining and educational.

Tours begin in front of Addison Hall at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Byron St. at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays Sept. 20 and 21, and 27 and 28.

The 6 p.m. tours have been added this year, says Klassen, for those who prefer to avoid the cemetery after dark.

For tickets are $10 each and will go quickly—some tours are already sold out—so phone to get tickets in advance, says Klassen.

Call the Museum at 905-468-3912.

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Pam Mundy will appear as Matilda Boulton at the annual cemetery tour. Photo provided

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Niagara Advance

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, it's a chronic disease which slowly destroys memory and reasoning and erodes independence.

And there is no known cure or effective means by which to delay its onset or progression, Bob Miller, the chair of the Alzheimer Society Niagara Foundation, told council Monday.

He was there to remind the Town, residents and businesses of the importance of the 18th annual Alzheimer fundraising coffee break, with more than 10,000 expected to take place across the country from next Thursday's kick-off until December.

Last year more than 300 Niagara hosts raised more than $100,000, and the goal this year is $105,000, he said.

Coffee Break events can be held in homes, work places, community centres, schools, churches, city halls or retail outlets, says Miller, and can offer coffee, tea, or whatever the host chooses to serve—in Niagara-on-the-Lake, maybe wine would be a choice, he added.

Hosting a coffee break is fun, social and very easy to organize, he said as he presented a kit to Lord Mayor Dave Eke, who traditionally hosts a coffee break at the town hall. Each kit includes the first pot of coffee, a donation box, and promotional signs and literature, and the host supplies the people.

The money that is raised in Niagara stays in Niagara, to fund programs and direct services to assist individuals and their loved ones deal with the devastating effects of dementia, Miller said.

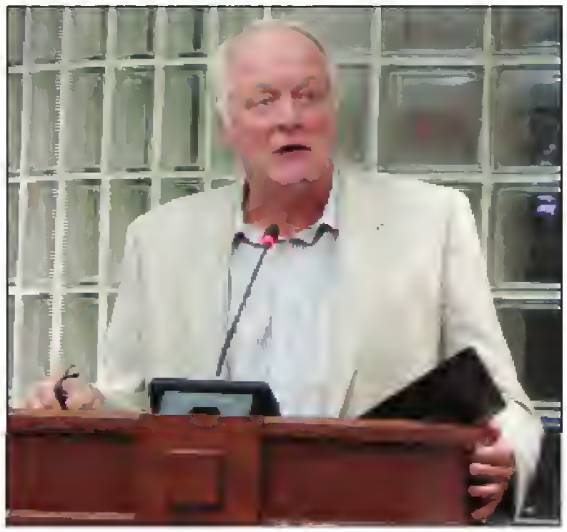
Currently, there are more than 8,500 people in this region experiencing progressive dementia, the most common of which is Alzheimer's disease, he said.

Alzheimer's and dementia affect 750,000 Canadians today. In the next two decades, that number is expected to grow to 1.5 million Canadians, Miller told council.

And donations will become more important than ever as government funding is expected to decrease.

The society is fundraising for approximately $600,000 of a $1.8 million budget.

To register for a Coffee Break kit call the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region at 905-687-6856, ext. 562, or visit www.alzheimerniagara.ca.



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Farmers turning to garlic

Grant LaFleche
QMI Agency Niagara

For nearly as long as Jane Werner can remember, her family grew fruit on their Niagara-on-the-Lake farm.

But times change and things that once seemed certain were cast into doubt. There was nothing wrong with the fruit on Werner's farm. There was just no where to sell it.

"Once the canneries closed down, there wasn't a market for it. What's the point in growing all this fruit and protecting the tender fruit lands, if you have no place to sell it?" Werner said.

"Ok, you can go to a farmer's market, but they are everywhere and everyone is there. Your competition is all in the same place. So you'd come back home with half a truck full."

And were it not for an odd crop growing on the fringes of the farm, Werner said she doesn't know if the family farm would survive.

But the garlic that was growing wild on the farm has sold so well, next month all the fruit will be ripped up and replaced with it.

"You have to adapt and change with the times," Werner said Saturday afternoon while selling her "candy garlic" at the second Niagara Garlic Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Originally a fringe product from the farm, the candy garlic — which got its name because it caramelizes well, not because it tastes like sweets — is now Werner's primary product. Her farm has even been renamed Niagara Garlic Glen.

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Bob Tymczyszyn QMI Agency
Julianna Mihelic helps out at Niagara Garlic Glen's Garlic Festival display Saturday.

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Garlic will replace tender fruit

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"We even have neighbours who are ripping out their fruit trees and planting our garlic," she said. "In October, we'll have 50 acres."

Though not often regarded as a big money-maker, garlic can be a cash crop, said Norwood, Ontario farmer Ken Best, who was selling several varieties of garlic at the festival.

"It's hardy, it doesn't perish and it's always popular," said Best, owner of Best Berry Farm, where he grows garlic after his fruit crops have been harvested.

Garlic farmers travel around southern Ontario to several festivals to sell their produce, and customers are picky.

"If you were to put out a garlic and claim it is from Hungary and it's not, people can just look at just tell you it's not," said Best. "People are serious about their garlic.

The festival drew more than 1,000 people to the Niagara Stone Rd. field where Niagara Essential Oils & Blends hosts it.

It also featured garlic ice cream and cooking demonstrations.

Bob Tymczyszyn
QMI Agency

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The figures are frightening. Studies show that one in four women and one in eight men over age 50 have osteoporosis. And with an aging population we can expect more cases in the years ahead.

Who develops this crippling disease depends on several factors. Genetics plays a role. So does being thin, small-boned and of white or Asian ancestry. Smokers, those who take three or more alcoholic drinks a day and patients who require corticosteroids to treat asthma or arthritis are at increased risk.

Osteoporosis results in fractures of the spine, hip and wrist. A fracture can occur from a forceful hug, or a sneeze can suddenly break a rib. Osteoporosis can result in chronic pain or life in a wheelchair.

Professor T.D. Spector, a leading bone researcher of St. Thomas Hospital in London, England, reported at the 27th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research that low dose choline-stabilized orthosilicic acid (ch-OSA), a form of silicon, plays a major role in building strong bones.

In his study 184 women with either osteopenia (early osteoporosis) or osteoporosis were divided into four groups. They were all prescribed a daily supplement of 1,000 mg of elemental calcium and 800 IU of vitamin D3. But three of the four groups were also given daily amounts of either three, six or 12 drops of choline-stabilized orthosilicic acid.

Spector reports that after 12 months the women taking six and 12 drops of ch-OSA showed significant changes in bone formation, particularly the hip bone. This and other studies show a combination of calcium, vitamin D3 and ch-OSA is a safe way to grow strong bones.

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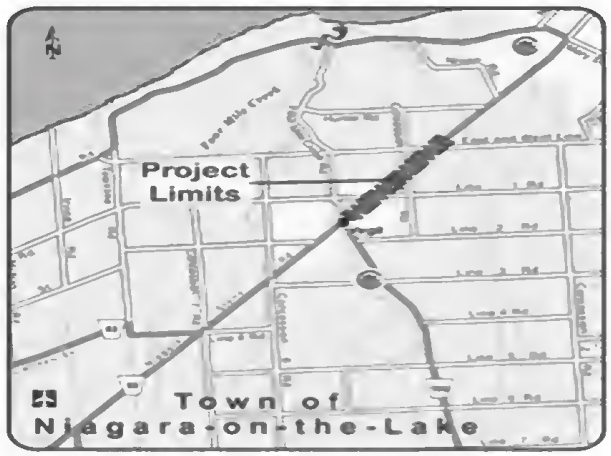
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) from Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road) to East West Line, Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario

The Study

The Region of Niagara has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to evaluate and recommend transportation improvements on Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) from Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road) to East West Line in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.



In 2004, the Town completed a Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The 2004 TMP identified the need for improvements along the Niagara Stone Road corridor through the Virgil community and recommended a three lane roadway with medians for Niagara Stone Road between Four Mile Creek Road and East West Line.

The purpose of this Class EA is to review, study, and recommend improvements to Niagara Stone Road, including widening of the roadway to a three lane cross-section as recommended in the 2004 TMP. The alternative design concepts will include road rehabilitation, widening and drainage works, changes/upgrades to traffic control and operations, cycling provisions, intersection improvements, consideration of transit and improvements to the pedestrian environment. The alternative designs will also consider the impact of such improvements on the social and natural environments.

Study Area

Niagara Stone Road is a major multi-purpose arterial roadway that bisects the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake commencing in the south at Regional Road 81 (York Road) and terminating at Mary Street. The roadway passes through the community of Virgil which is centred about the intersection of Niagara Stone Road and Four Mile Creek Road. Within the project limits, Niagara Stone Road carries about 13,200 vehicles on a daily basis. Traffic volumes increase significantly during the summer months as Niagara Stone Road is a popular tourist route into the Old Town.

The Process

This notice signals the commencement of the Class EA, a study which will define the problem or opportunity, identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and determine a preferred solution in consultation with the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, regulatory agencies, affected stakeholders and the general public. The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Public and review agency consultation is a key element of the Class EA process and input will be sought from various parties throughout this study. There will be a series of Public Information Centres (PICs) in addition to meetings with a Stakeholder Advisory Group and technical agencies. The PICs will provide an opportunity for the public to review the alternative solutions, provide comments and discuss concerns and issues with representatives from the Project Team.

At the conclusion of the study, the EA process will be documented in a comprehensive Environmental Study Report (ESR). The ESR will be made available for 30 calendar days for public review and comment. A notice of completion will be issued at that stage.

Comments

Upcoming consultation activities will be advertised in the local newspapers and email/mailed to those on the project mailing list. Personal information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M S6, as amended.

The public will be notified through advertisements in the local newspapers regarding the PICs. Comments received from the public will be considered in the study and their consideration documented in the Environmental Study Report. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

If you have any questions, wish to be added to the project mailing list, or wish to apply to be part of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, please contact one of the Project Team members identified below:

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Pumphouse to bring in security expert to talk about art theft

Learn some of the tricks art thieves can get up to

The Pumphouse will be offering a lecture to its members Sunday, Sept. 29, dealing with art theft.

Robert Marentette, a well-recognized security expert active in the protection of art collections from theft, will be speaking about art theft, says Carol Gray-Willett of the Pumphouse Art Centre.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that worldwide losses of art and cultural property crime, including theft, fraud, looting and trafficking totals about $6 billion US annually, making this the fourth most profitable crime after money laundering, drugs and arms trafficking.

"It's been reported often enough that there are break-ins in Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Gray-Willett, "even in broad daylight. We don't know that there is any art taken, but there could be in the future as thieves realize the value of paintings."

Through news headlines people hear of major art crimes but this is the proverbial tip of the iceberg," said Gray-Willett.

This presentation will review several of the recent art thefts that have occurred on an international, national and local scale, touch on who is stealing art, why art is stolen and look towards solutions in the protection of art and reporting of an art crime.

"He is so experienced in his field that when we had the opportunity to have him come to talk we decided this was something we'd like to do for our members," said Gray-Willett.

"It's also a good opportunity for members of the public. It sounds very interesting. He'll be telling us about all kinds of tricks people get up to in planning these kinds of thefts."

It will also be interesting to know where the artwork that is stolen ends up, she says.

"Is there a market out there for it, or does it end up sitting in someone's basement? It's a topic that should be of interest to anybody who collects art, and even mystery-solvers. I understand he has some good stories to share."

Marentette was recommended to the Pumphouse by Lorraine Joyner, whose husband Geoffrey has been a prominent figure in Canada's art world for decades.

Marentette has been employed in the Canadian security industry for over four decades having served in numerous roles from guard duties to senior management.

For the past 20 years he has been involved in the protection of cultural property, having worked for some of the largest and world renowned museums and art galleries in Canada. He is currently the director of security and building operations for the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

Marentette has been honored several times by various security associations for his contributions to the Canadian security industry and has been written about and published in Canadian Security Magazine. He has been quoted in the New York Times and had the lead role in a 2007 American made for TV documentary on art theft.

He is a certified Institutional Protection Manager and a member of numerous security associations.

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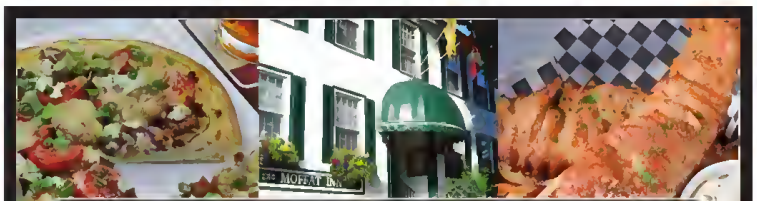

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Professor traces North American trek of Dickens

Attitude towards slavery and copyright protection for authors

John Sayers
Special to the Advance

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Dickens Fellowship welcomed a renowned Dickens expert, Professor Leon Litvack from Queen's University in Belfast, to address their group.

Litvack spoke on Dickens in North America – Journey with a Celebrity in 1842.

In his introduction, Fellowship president Paul Catling reminisced about meeting Prof. Litvack in the U.K. last year at a Buckingham Palace reception to honour the 200th anniversary of of the birth of Charles Dickens.

The 30-plus people in attendance at the Rotary Room in the NOTL Public Library were treated to a fascinating PowerPoint presentation that traced the author's North American exploits from his landing in New York in 1842, west as far as Cairo, Illinois, north through Niagara Falls and Toronto, to Quebec City, and then back to New York for his departure in June, 1842 after a stay of some five months.

This wasn't just a set of readings — Litvack explored the author's attitude toward slavery, to an American casualness about copyright protection for authors, and to other aspects of the America of 1842.

What had begun as a journey by Dickens to revel in American independence and lack of class structure became clouded with issues that Dickens had not entirely anticipated, Litvak said.

Prof. Leon Litvack, of Queen's University, Belfast, noted Dickens expert.

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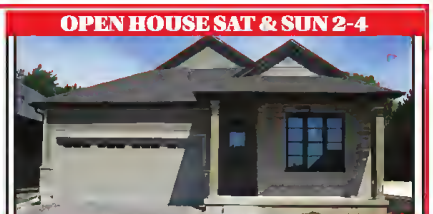

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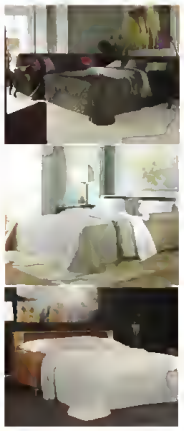

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PAGE, Roy Watkins - September 13, 1922 - July 21, 2013. World War II Veteran, Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Passed away peacefully at the Royal Henley Retirement Home, St. Catharines, Ontario on Sunday, July 21, in his 91st year. Loving husband of 38 years of Annie (nee Snijder). Predeceased by his first wife of 27 years, Abigail Ellen Page (nee Roe). Proud father of Christopher (Mary-Jean), Patricia and Arthur (Deborah). He will be sadly missed by his step-sons Harry Huizer (Margaret) and William Huizer. Opa is lovingly remembered by his many grandchildren, Maggie, Connor, Jessica, Ashley, Marianne, Bill, David, Tami and Kelly and great grandchildren, Scott, Bethany, Keirsten, Michael, Liam, Ethan, Spencer, Chase and Mason. Roy proudly served his country as a 1st Lieutenant during the Second World War in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment fighting in the Italian Campaign, and subsequently in the federal public service at the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission during which time he became the National Vice-President of the Canada Employment and Immigration Union spending many happy months in Ottawa. Roy, an active sportsman, was a founding member of the Niagara Tennis Club and a long time member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club. He was a wonderful family man who will be greatly missed. An informal celebration of Roy's life will take place the afternoon of Saturday, September 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Newark Neighbours or the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

JUDD, David Alley Wallace, U.E. - March 27, 1931, Hamilton, ON September 12, 2013, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON. Husband of Ann, father of Alison (Alex), Fraser (Samantha) and the late Timothy. Son of the late Rev. Dr. William Wallace Judd and Ruth Ferrier Alley. Predeceased by brothers Bill, Alan, and Pat and sisters Betty and Valerie. No funeral or visitation at David's request. The family wishes to thank CCAC, the NOTL Community Palliative Care Service and the doctors and nurses who took care of David these past months. Donations may be made to the Friends of the Health Sciences Library, McMaster University in memory of David Judd.

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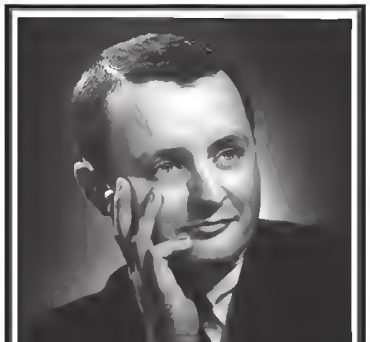

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NOTL teen to play in national baseball tournament

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Quinton Spagnol has never stepped on the field of the Rogers Centre, but he has dreamed of it.

That dream comes true this weekend for the Niagara-on-the-Lake teen who was selected to play in a national tournament hosted by the Blue Jays Baseball Academy and Hall of Famer Roberto Alomar.

The 16-year-old Holy Cross student hopes it will be one more step toward his next goal: attending a U.S. college as a baseball prospect on the way to the big leagues.

"For this weekend, I'm hoping to be recognized, to be seen by one of the American colleges, to get my name out there—and if I'm really lucky, to get an offer. That would be quite an achievement."

The four-day showcase tournament attracts scouts from the major league teams as well as college recruiters, so it's a great opportunity, says Spagnol, who began playing softball in Virgil when he was in Grade 3.

He didn't start out focusing on baseball—he thought of himself as a hockey player, he says.

"I used to love hockey. But then I began to excel in baseball, and kind of slowed down in hockey. Things have gone well since."

When softball stopped being challenging, he tried hardball, and joined an A-level travel team in St. Catharines.

That led to training and playing with the Bullett Proof Baseball Academy in Welland for the last six years, owned by retired National Leaguer Scott Bullett.

Spagnol says he's a "good enough' student, but it's difficult to concentrate on grades with the amount of time he trains. Bullett Proof runs all year long, with a minimum of one practice and four games a week, and starting in November, Spagnol will head to the indoor facility every day after school for a two-hour training session.

The third baseman earned his place in the tournament through Bullett, who was chosen to coach one of 10 teams, and selected three of his players to take with him to the tournament.

Spagnol admits to being extremely nervous just thinking about playing in the company of the best from across Canada, so he isn't sure what will happen when he actually steps on the field at the Rogers Centre, but his coach has no such doubts.

"Once you get that first throw, all that goes away. These guys have been training for this moment. This is what they've been preparing for," said Bullett, whose baseball development program will also be represented at the showcase tournament by outfielder Braden Johnston of Stoney Creek and Ryan Bench, a first baseman from Pelham.

Presented by New Era, the tournament running Sept. 20-24 is the first of its kind designed to showcase Canadian talent to professional scouts and college recruiters from across North America.

Two teams from Quebec, a combined team from Manitoba and Saskatchewan and squads from Alberta, British Columbia and Atlantic Canada will also be playing in the tournament.

Alomar, who wore No. 12 with the Blue Jays, is being assisted as Tournament 12 commissioner by his father Sandy Alomar Sr., an all-star second baseman with the California Angels in the early 1970s, as well as former Blue Jays Lloyd Moseby and Duane Ward.

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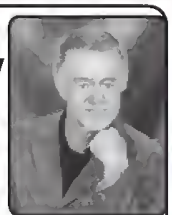
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NOTL tennis club nears end of season – looks toward renovated future

The weekend of Sept. 7 and 8 saw some spectacular tennis at the Memorial Park courts with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club's annual Men's and Women's Doubles Championships.

Sixteen Women's and 16 Men's teams competed for the coveted championship trophies.

Cheered on by a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators the eventual womens winners were 'Sarah Chapman-Jay and Thitima Christopher who prevailed with a close score of 10-7 games.

This is the third consecutive year they have won the Lailey Trophy.

The Men's Doubles final was a nail-biter with the score eventually locked at 10 games apiece.

After surviving a match point in the resultant tie-breaker Hugh Dow and Gerry McIlhone emerged as the winners of the Roman and Maria Korda trophy with a tie-breaking score of 8-6.

The last event of the club's 2013 season is the Men's and Women's Singles Championships to be held this Saturday.

Shortly after the courts will be closed so that renovation can begin in time for the 2014 season.

Hugh Dow and Gerry McIhone are the men's doubles champs.

Thitima Christopher and Sarah Chapman-Jay are the women's champs for the third straight year.

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The Niagara Motors Trophy for the men's doubles second-place finishers went to Robert McCaughey and Rob MacKenzie.

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Competitive action at NOTL Golf Club, with tourney and banquet coming up

The 2:15 p.m. group of the Monday Business Ladies League of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club took to the greens Sept. 9.

Susan Holly picked up the longest putt of the afternoon.

Pamela Earl was the closest to the pin on Hole 4, and Karen Nitsch was the closest to the pin on Hole 9.

The longest drive was made by Jane Barnett and Anne Marie swung her way to a low score of 51.

The 5:15 p.m. group took to the greens with Virginia Marr picking up the longest putt.

Barbara Pohorly was closest to the pin on Hole 4, and Robin Ridesic on Hole 9.

The longest drive was made by Sheila Gayman, with Wendy Edwards nabbing the low score of 44.

In Tuesday's Woofs action, Harry Huizer earned his way to a low gross of 36.

Closest to the pin was Bob Olley on Hole 4, while Rai Lauge got the hidden hole, on Hole 2.

In the Thursday Men's League, Mark Derbyshire secured the low gross with a score of 35.

The winner of the A Flight was Cal Fahey with a score of 24. B Flight was won by Bill Katrynuk with 23 points and the C Flight winner was Ron Newman with a score of 27.

Closest to the pin was Jack Shrubb on Hole 1, Neil Cuthbertson, Hole 4, Cal Fahey on Hole 7 and Kurt Hamm on Hole 9.

The Business Ladies closing banquet will be held Sept. 23.

On Sept. 27, the NOTL Golf Club will host the Men's Pro-Am Tournament.

The golf course is open to the public, and with the summer dwindling down there's no better time to get out to the greens to play on the ninth best short course in the world, outside of the U.S.

The NOTL Golf Club is the oldest golf club in North America, dating back to 1875.

The club has a dress code, which states no denim, no T-shirts, no pointed heel shoes nor sandals of any type.

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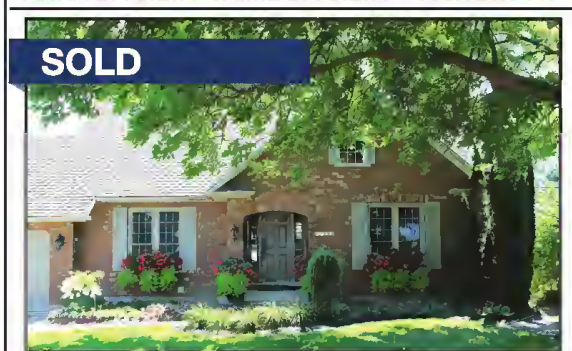

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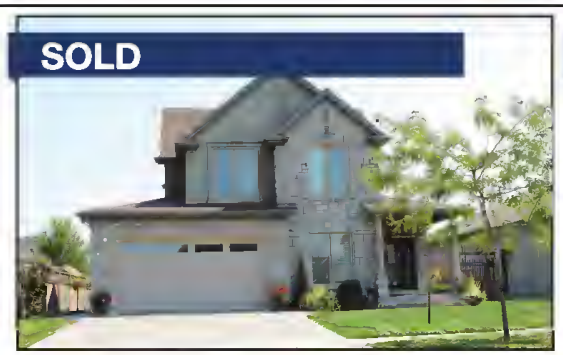

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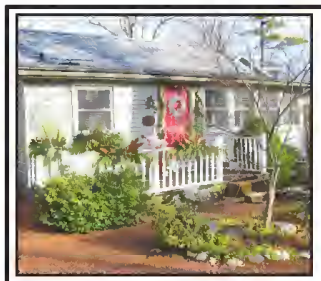

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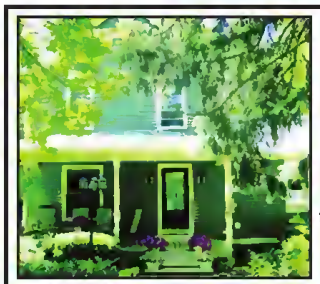

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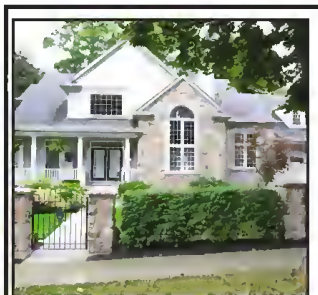

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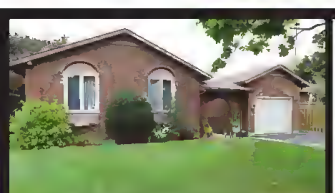

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